

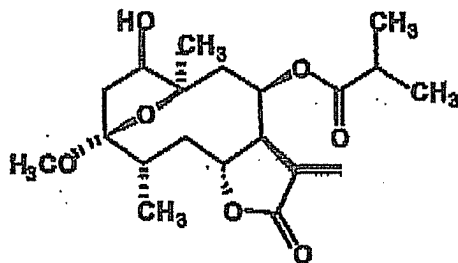
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

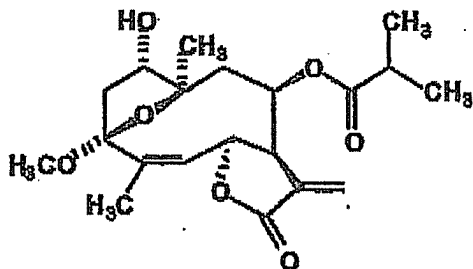
Claims 1-35 (Cancelled).

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): A compound represented by general formula (I):



(1S,3R,4S,6R,7S,8R,10R)-1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,10-epoxy-8-isobutyryloxygermacra-11(13)-en-6,12-olide.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): A compound represented by general formula (II):



(1S,3R,6R,7R,8R,10R)-1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,10-epoxy-8-isobutyryloxygermacra-4,11(13)-dien-6,12-olide.

**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

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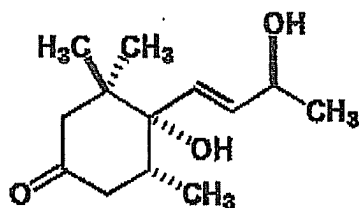
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Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A compound represented by general formula

(III):

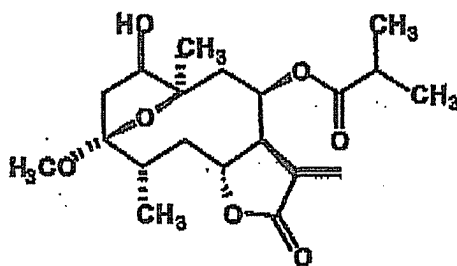


~~(4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-4-((1E,3S)-3-hydroxy-1-butenyl)-3,3,5-trimethyl-cyclohexanone~~

(4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-4-[(1E,3S)-3-hydroxy-1-butenyl]-3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexanone.

Claims 39-54 (Cancelled).

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): A compound ~~according to claim 36~~represented  
by general formula (I):



(I)

(1S,3R,4S,6R,7S,8R,10R)-1-hydroxy-3-methyloxy-3,10-epoxy-8-isobutyryloxygermacra-11(13)-  
en-6,12-olide, wherein said compound is produced by a process ~~according to claim 47~~  
comprising:

(a) providing a composition comprising the compound of formula (I), a  
compound represented by general formula (II):

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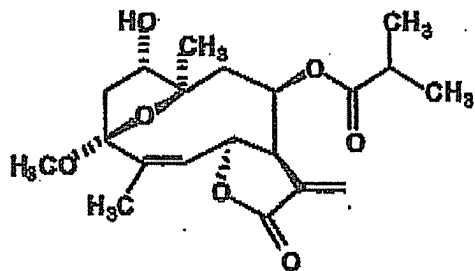
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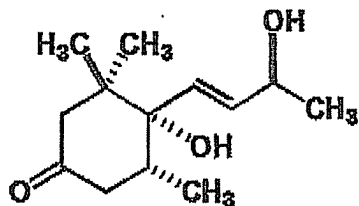
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(II)

(1S,3R,6R,7R,8R,10R)-1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,10-epoxy-8-isobutyryloxygermacra-4,11(13)-dien-6,12-olide.

and a compound represented by general formula (III):



(III)

(4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-4-[(1E,3S)-3-hydroxy-1-butenyl]-3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexanone.; and

(b) repeating separation of said composition by chromatography a plurality of times to obtain the compound of formula (I).

Claims 56-70 (Cancelled).